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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Panel for Future Satellite Reconnaissance Operations

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1. In preface I wish to express my appreciation to the Panel which I found was composed of highly talented and dedicated personalities. As Chairman I am gratified personally at the enthusiastic contribution each member has made. I feel that we, collectively and individually, have examined conscientiously the questions which you posed and herewith submit our findings and recommendations.
2. You can well appreciate that time was a limiting factor in the scope of our endeavor, however, I am confident that the subject matter was judiciously reviewed.
3. Following the formalized briefing of the Panel on 4 and 5 June, the major issues and objectives were identified and considered. I prepared a draft report, based upon Panel discussions, which was circulated to all Panel members for their comments and corrections. A refined draft followed which was again considered by the membership individually and the result is now submitted for your consideration. All Panel members concur in the final report except where specifically noted to the contrary in the report.
4. In behalf of the Panel members and consultants I wish to express our appreciation for the honor and privilege of serving on this distinguished panel. It is our sincere hope that our counsel, in some way, will benefit the Intelligence Community.

EDWARD M. PURCELL
Chairman
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